GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JAPANESE AID FOR UPKEEP OF HERITAGE MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has received any aid-package from Japan for restoration and upkeep of heritage monuments;

(b) if so, the monuments covered by the said aid, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to develop heritage sites in Karnataka;

(d) if so, whether privatisation projects for restoration and upkeep of national monuments/heritage sites have proven to be successful; and

(e) if so, the plans of the Government to replicate such arrangements in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b): Government has received loan assistance to the tune of 3745 million Yen from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (now known as Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)) for the Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase I).The project was completed at a cost of Rs. 127.50 crores approximately in March, 2002.Japan Bank for International Cooperation has agreed in principle to provide loan assistance (Approximately Japanese Yen 7331 million) for Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project Phase-II.The locations to be covered are: Ajanta, Ellora, Pithalkhora Caves, Aurangabad Caves, Bibi Ka Maqbara, Daulatabad Fort, Patnadevi, Lonar, Nasik, Pune, Elephanta caves, Bhaja and Bedsa, Shivneri, Malshej, and Kolvan in Maharashtra.

(c): Integrated development of centrally protected monuments in Karnataka has been undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India.

(d) & (e): No monuments under the charge of Archaeological Survey of India have been given forupkeep or their restoration to private sector. However, Private-public participation is encouraged to develop basic amenities in the towns/regions where tourist destinations are located.